

Solving today's problems through integrated
Research,
Education, &
Extension







What does optimal integration look like?

Research, education, and extension components complement one another and are truly necessary for the ultimate success of the project.







#### Integrated Project Characteristics

- Stakeholder Driven
- Issue/Problem Focused
- Outcome Oriented







#### Strong Integrated Projects Include:

- Collaborative Team Approach
- Management Plan
- Evaluation Plan
- Sustained Educational Initiatives







# National Research Initiative Integrated Projects

Authorized by Congress in 2003



May expend up to 22% of NRI Budget under the same terms and conditions as those provided in section 401 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA)







### **NRI** Integrated Projects

#### Eligibility

- Federal research agencies
- National laboratories
- Colleges or universities
- Private research organizations
- State agricultural experiment stations







### Integrated Project Grants

- All applications
- Research, Education, Extension (only 2 of 3 components are required)
- Award size depends on program (\$450 thousand to \$5 million)







### **Bridge Grants**

 To assist small to mid-sized and minority-serving\* institutions



- One-time infusion of up to \$100K
- May not apply directly for bridge grants
  - \* Enrollment of one or more minority groups exceeds 50% of total







## NRI Integrated Opportunities in FY 2007

- Animal Reproduction
- Animal Growth & Nutrient Utilization
- Animal Genome: Applied Animal Genomics
- Animal Protection & Biosecurity: Animal Well-Being
- Animal Protection & Biosecurity: Animal Biosecurity Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP)
- Plant Biosecurity
- Plant Biology: Environmental Stress
- Plant Biology: Gene Expression & Genetic Diversity
- Plant Genome: Applied Plant Genomics Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP)







## NRI Integrated Opportunities in FY 2007

- Bioactive Food Components for Optimal Health
- Human Nutrition and Obesity
- Improving Food Quality and Value
- Epidemiological Approaches for Food Safety
- Air Quality
- Biology of Weedy and Invasive Species in Agroecosystems
- Managed Ecosystems
- Agricultural Prosperity for Small and Medium-Sized Farms







# Integrated Research, Education, and Extension (Section 406)

- Authorized in Section 406 of the Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998.
- Provides funding for integrated, multifunctional agricultural research, extension, and education activities.







# Section 406 Program Characteristics

Open to Colleges and Universities, as defined in Section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977

 Accredited colleges and universities that grant a bachelor's degree or any other higher degree

1994 institutions also eligible (2002 Farm Bill)

Matching if commodity specific

Grant size varies by program

Success rate varies by program







#### Section 406 Appropriations

2000 \$39.54 M

2001 41.85 M

2002 42.85 M

2003 44.23 M

2004 39.55 M

2005 43.06 M

2006 42.29 M







# Integrated Research, Education, and Extension (Section 406)

#### Program areas:

- Food Safety National Integrated Food Safety Initiative
- Water Quality National Integrated Water Quality Program
- Integrated Organic Program







# Integrated Research, Education, and Extension (Section 406)

#### Program areas:

- Integrated Pest Management:
  - Crops at Risk (CAR)
  - Risk Avoidance and Mitigation (RAMP)
  - IPM Centers
- Methyl Bromide Transitions





